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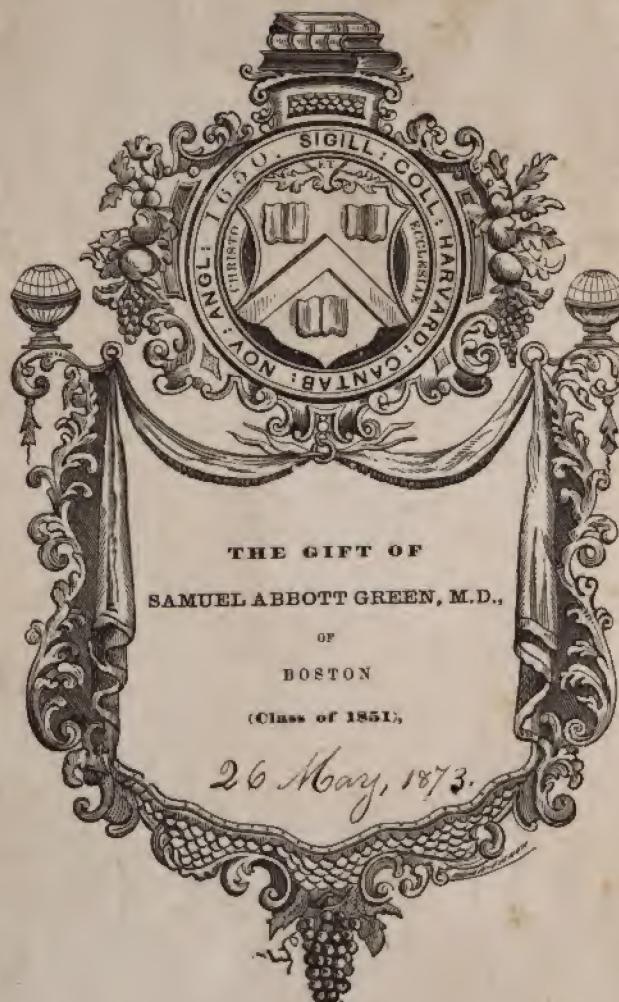
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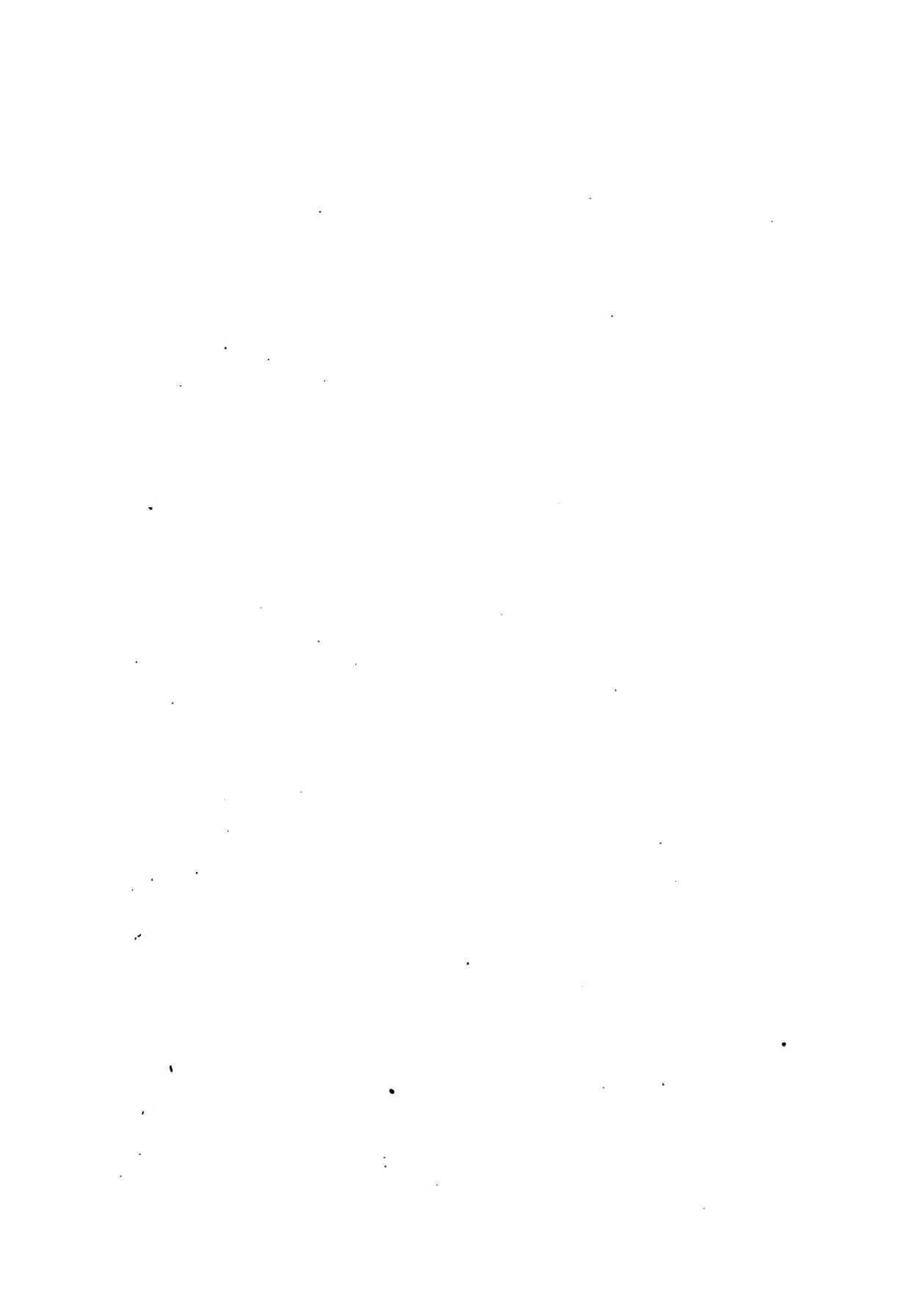
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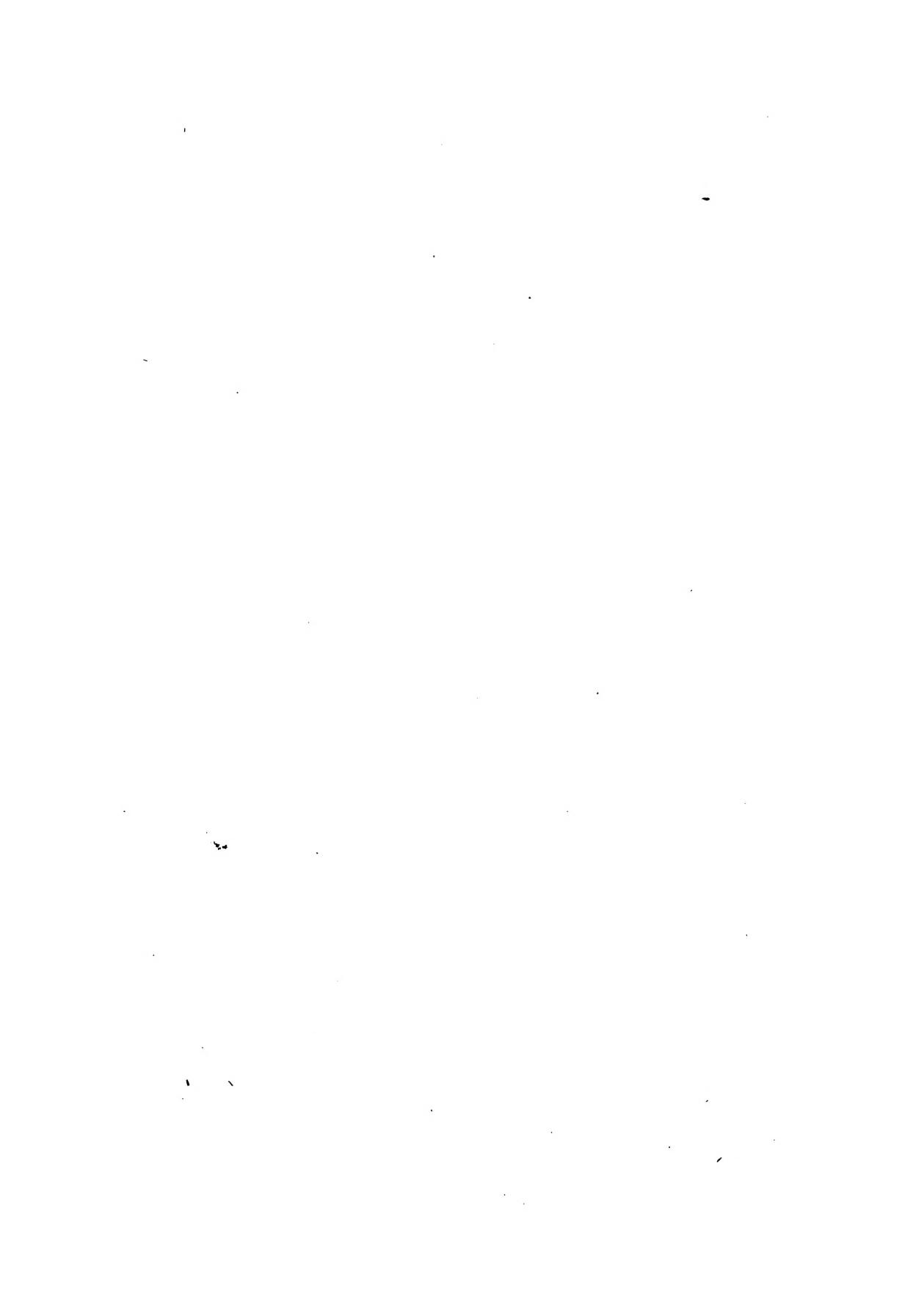
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Morning and Evening Prayers,

SELECTED AND ARRANGED FROM

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AND VARIOUS BOOKS OF DEVOTION,

FOR

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I WANT a heart to pray,
To pray and never cease,
Never to murmur at thy stay,
Or wish my sufferings less;
This blessing, above all,
Always to pray I want,—
Out of the deep on thee to call,
And never, never faint.

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INTRODUCTION.

IN presenting this manual for the domestic altar, a few remarks on the motives to the observance of family prayer, and upon the best mode of conducting it, will be offered.

The duty of maintaining the worship of God in the household, though not enjoined in express words, may be clearly inferred from Scripture. Job offered sacrifices continually for his children, lest they should have sinned against God. The patriarchs raised an altar wherever they had a tent. David returned from God's public worship to bless his household. Cornelius was a devout man, fearing God, with all his house, and praying always. And our Lord ministered habitually in the devotions of his family of disciples. And in the book of Jeremiah God threatens to pour out his fury upon the heathen, and upon the families which call not upon his name, thus ranking prayerless families with the heathen, and threatening both with his vengeance. From these, and other intimations of God's will, good men, in all ages, have gathered, that family worship was a duty, and have maintained it.

And there is great comfort to be found in the observance. When death enters a family, or either of its members is languishing on the bed of sickness, or is absent, how consoling it is to have one of our own number, who can best enter into our griefs or fears, spread our common wants before a throne of grace! So true is

this, that let a minister or Christian come into a prayerless family, at such seasons, and offer to pray, all will eagerly catch at the proposal, and feel it to be just the relief they needed. Yet if prayer be not habitually maintained, it will not be likely to be offered in the family on these special occasions. One of their number may be sick unto death, and may ask another to pray with him, and yet though yearning so to do, the request will be refused, because he to whom it is addressed is not accustomed to pray before others, and cannot summon courage to begin, even when a dying wife or child entreats. True, all can pray in secret, in such a case, but that does not meet the want. No prayers are more fervent or comforting than those which parents, brothers, and sisters put up for each other, for the present or the absent, for the sick or the suffering, while kneeling side by side at the family altar. Scarcely a day or week passes in which something does not occur of great importance to the inmates of every house, which is little or nothing to all the world besides, and allusion to these things gives an interest to domestic devotions which can be found in none other.

As a help in family government, this means of grace is most valuable. If those who are troubled with rude, headstrong children, whose waywardness gives them much sorrow now, and much anxiety for the future, did but know what a subduing, softening influence the daily worship of God has upon all the stronger and rougher passions of the soul, to say nothing of the grace it draws down to overcome them, they would gladly avail themselves of it as an instrument of domestic polity. What father or child can kneel down and pray against sin, and then rise and immediately indulge in anger, harshness, or severity towards other members of the household? The inconsistency would be so glaring that the sin or the prayer would have to be given up. It is scarcely possi-

ble to join in family worship with angry feelings, and whatever disputes may have arisen, twice in each day, in praying families, will the hand of peace be laid upon them, so that their day must begin and end in harmony. And where this domestic worship is devoutly maintained it increases the affection of the members of the family for each other. A child will remember longer than any thing else, and with more tenderness, a father kneeling down and commanding him to God; and brothers and sisters, when separated, will recall with softened emotion, those hallowed seasons when a parent read to them the Word of God, and then all united in a song of praise, or bowed in supplication. In families where God's worship is observed in a proper spirit, there is ever the greatest peace, unity, and kindred love.

To give consistency and power to their own religious example and teaching, parents should sustain family worship. Children may be told of their dependence on God, and of their obligation to love him, to pray to him, and to praise him; but how little will all this avail when the lesson is not impressed by a consistent example, and when there is no visible recognition of God. But indeed those who do not pray with their families, will not be apt to give much religious counsel, for the consciousness of their own neglect of duty will keep them silent, lest they provoke from a child the mental retort, Physician heal thyself.

The great value of family worship, however, is in the help it gives in securing the everlasting salvation of the members of the family. Parents, what do you most desire for your children? Your answer is, My heart's desire and prayer to God for them is, that they may be saved. Then set up God's worship in your house, as one of the best means of realizing that desire. Let the little child as soon as he becomes old enough to notice any thing, see the elder members of the family daily assembling for this duty

—let him behold the seriousness of their looks, and how every worldly employment is thrown aside to attend to it—let him, as he becomes able, read his verse in turn, or lift up his voice in prayer and praise, and it cannot fail but that such a child will imbibe early religious impressions which nothing in after life can entirely obliterate. If family devotions do not secure the speedy conversion of children, they will leave a tender place in the conscience which all future associations cannot harden, and through which the arrows of conviction may reach the heart. The remembrances of home devotions—of a parent's form bending morning and evening in prayer, and of a parent's voice pleading with God for children, will come up to the prodigal son in after years, and often prove the means of bringing him back to the paths of peace. But indeed, it is not usual that family worship is so long in developing its good fruits. Children taught to kneel at the family altar are generally found kneeling at the altar in God's house in an early confession of Christ. From families where God is worshipped we expect, at confirmations, our largest harvest, and at communions our chief accessions, and from thence, we doubt not, large proportionate numbers go to swell the ranks of the glorified.

Surely we need present no further motive to family prayer? Why do any neglect it? The reply of some may be, that they do not feel qualified to conduct it, because they cannot express themselves with freedom and propriety. But we have many and excellent forms of devotion, which all who can read and feel, may use in their families, and we herewith offer them another, which has the merit of having grown into its present shape by actual use in a Christian family, and so may suit the wants of others, as well as the wants which called it into existence. Do they object because their lives are sinful, or because they have made no profession of religion, and deem it therefore improper for them to lead in prayer?

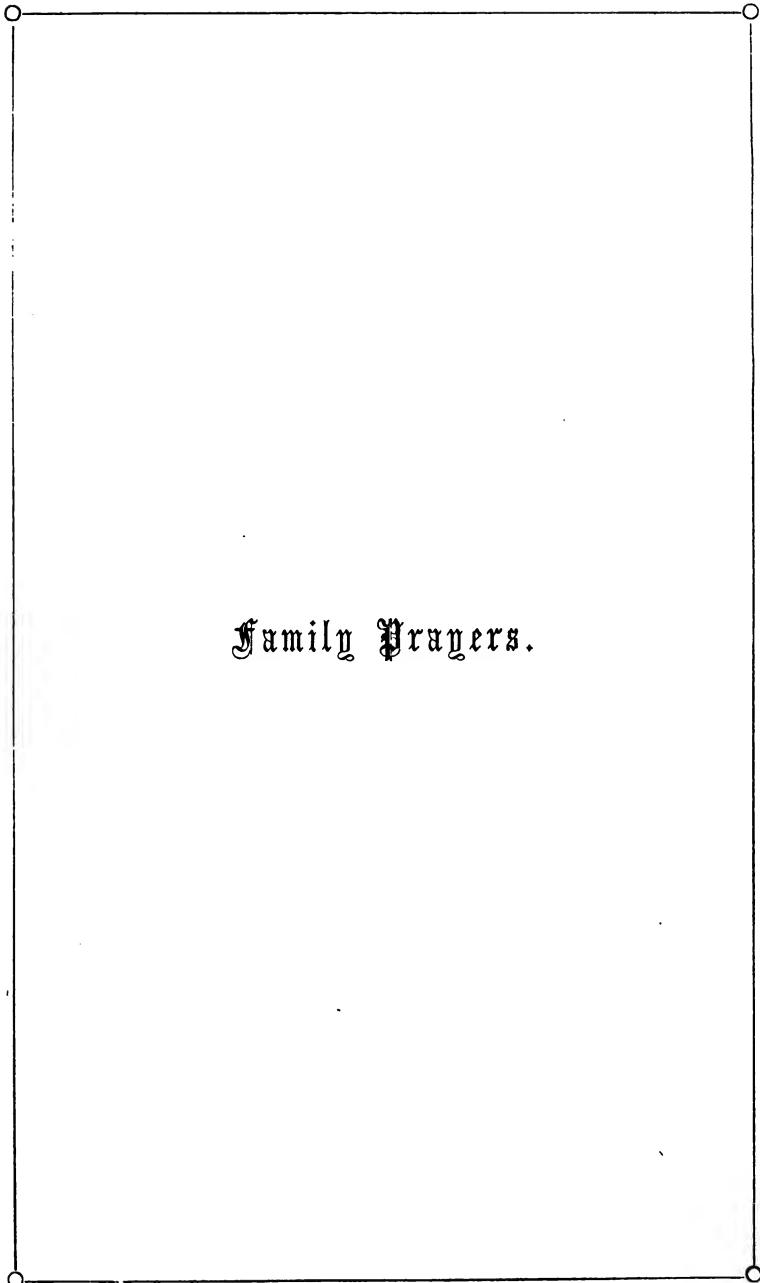
Let them reform, and not continue in such a state of sin that they cannot pray for, and with their own household. But after all, is not false shame the real cause of their neglect? They are afraid to hear their own voice in worship—some irreligious member of the family, whose ridicule they dread, will be present; or the difficulty is in taking up the cross, and making a beginning. But all these fears and hindrances will vanish or prove light, when the observance is actually undertaken. Generally the other inmates of the dwelling will heartily assent to the proposal of prayer, and to them we say, that it is their duty to aid the head of the family in erecting the altar to God, and in sustaining its worship. If you dishearten him by your levity, or by the chilling look of sarcasm, contempt, or indifference—if you gather slowly at summons of the bell—if you do not kneel with others, and seem more like a spy upon the proceeding than a hearty participator in it, all this will tend to discourage in a work which is hard at the best for poor flesh and blood rightly to perform, and in which all of help that can be gained is needful. A wife is bound to see that all her charge be in readiness, so that the master's business, which may not bear delays, be not hindered, or his spirit, which may not brook them, be not crossed, and so he find a plea for neglect of prayer, in her neglect of co-operation. Speak freely with each other, ye who dwell together, upon this subject. Encourage the beginning of family worship if you have hitherto neglected it—lay out your Bibles and Prayer Books, and let each take a part in reading verse by verse—make your domestic liturgy, like that of God's house, responsive—by all means, if it be possible, add the singing of psalms and hymns as a part of your worship—if the father will not take his proper place let the mother conduct devotions—if business call him away before the family arise in the morning, let there be at least evening worship—if he be absent all the week,

let the privilege be enjoyed on the Lord's Day. There is no excuse for the neglect of family prayer in any household, no possible plea on which its non-observance can be justified, and it would hardly seem possible that any one having the least regard for God, or his own soul, and the souls of his family, could seek a plea for such neglect.

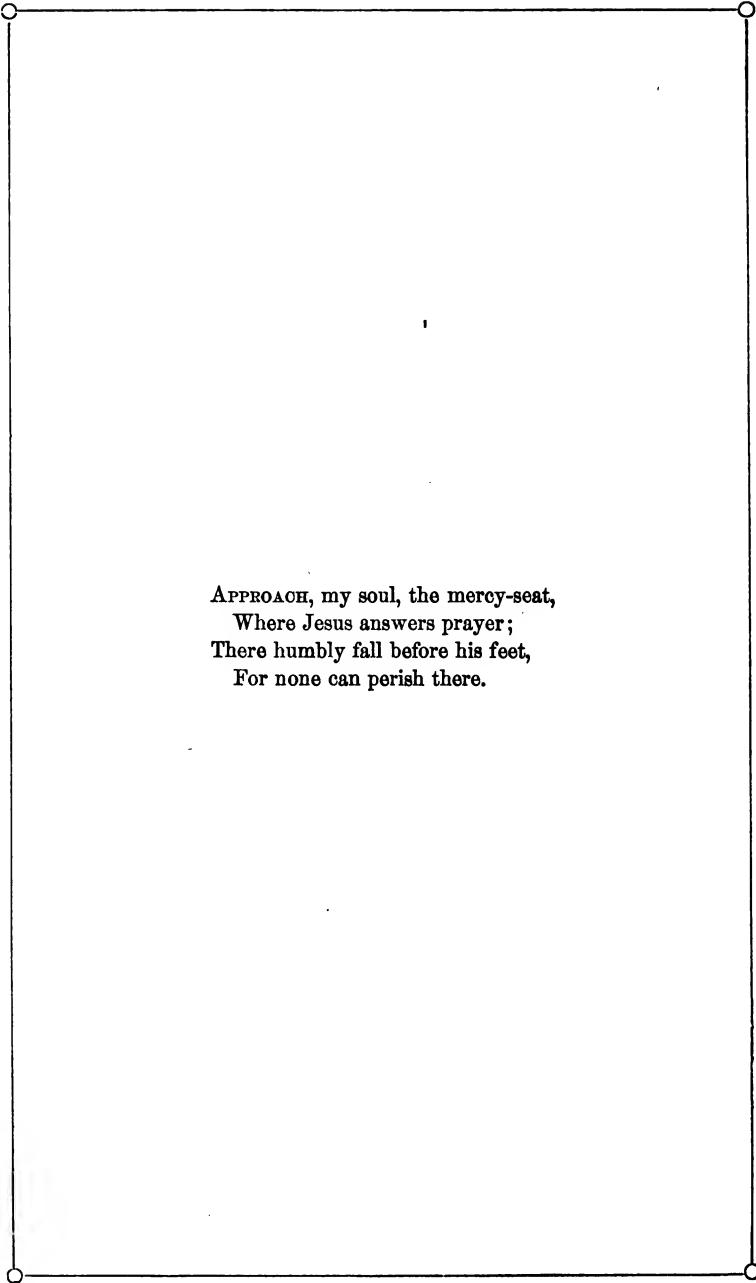
May God help every reader to do all that in him lies, to set up and maintain the worship of Jehovah in his own dwelling, and through this manual of devotion, or in some other that may seem preferable, let the incense of prayer and praise from the domestic altar ascend day by day to the throne of grace.

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Family Prayers.



APPROACH, my soul, the mercy-seat,
Where Jesus answers prayer;
There humbly fall before his feet,
For none can perish there.

P R A Y E R S .

Sunday Morning.

¶ The family having met together, one or more chapters of Holy Scripture may be read by the person who conducts the service, or, by the members of the family present reading alternately. After which, some appropriate Psalm in Metre, or a Hymn may be sung.

¶ Then all devoutly kneeling say together.

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come ; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that the words of our mouth, and the meditations of our heart, may be acceptable in thy sight. We do not presume to come before thee, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold, and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to lift our eyes to a righteous God in prayer. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. In the name of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and through his merits, we would come before thy gracious throne, humbly beseeching thee to pardon all

our sins, and accept this our morning sacrifice of prayer and praise.

This is the day that the Lord hath made, may we be glad, and rejoice in it, with holy joy and with thankful hearts. We look unto thee for thy blessing on our observance of the day, which thou hast set apart for thyself. May we spend this holy time to the honor of thy name, and may thy Holy Spirit accompany those of us who may be permitted to go to thy sanctuary, and make us joyful in thy house of prayer. May we worship thee our God and Saviour, in spirit and in truth, and receive with meekness the ingrafted word, which is able to save the soul, and finally by thy mercy, through Jesus Christ, obtain everlasting life, in thy heavenly kingdom.

¶ To be used on the morning of Communion.

[We thank thee, O our heavenly Father, that thou hast brought us in safety to this day, when we are invited to partake of the most comfortable Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. Give us grace, we humbly beseech thee, to approach that heavenly banquet, in the marriage garment required by thee in holy Scripture, that we may draw near in faith, not trusting in our own righteousness, but with mournful recollections of our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed against thee. May we so eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, that we may ever more dwell in him, and he in us. AMEN.]

Be merciful, O God, to this family and household. Our hearts are in thy hand, and our wants, and our sins, are all before thee. Cause us to be penitent, and submissive to thy will, and we pray thee give us such knowledge of thy goodness, and of our duty, that while we live, we may live unto thee. We thank thee, O our heavenly Father, for those good things we continually receive, and for preserving our lives, from day to day, and from week to week. We bless thy holy name, for thine inestimable love, in the redemption of the world, by our Lord Jesus Christ ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. We rejoice with thankfulness,

that he is the resurrection and the life ; that by rising from the dead, he became the first fruits of those who sleep in death ; that when he ascended on high he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. And especially do we thank thee for the unspeakable gift of the Holy Ghost, to be our Comforter. Blessed be thy name for thy forbearing mercy ; for thy patient goodness to creatures so undeserving ; for the invitations of thy word, and for the promises of Salvation, and Eternal Life, in Jesus Christ. May we follow the steps of our blessed Saviour, who once came into this world to visit us in great humility ; like him be unwearied in well-doing, that when he shall come again in his glorious majesty, we may receive that blessing, which he shall then pronounce to all who love and fear thee : saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you, from the beginning of the world.

Remember, O gracious God, for good, those who watch over our souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy. Bless the Ministers of thy Gospel every where, and prosper, and reward their labor of love : Guide them in every effort, to extend the knowledge of Jesus Christ, and inspire with heavenly wisdom, and holy zeal, all who seek to enlarge the borders of the Redeemer's kingdom. Have mercy, O Lord, upon all mankind, and especially upon those who are in the darkness of error, or of unbelief. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Holy Word, and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and become one fold, under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Bless the Church of God, which Christ has purchased with his blood, and especially that branch of it with which we are connected. Grant that by the operation of thy Holy Spirit, all Christians may be so joined together in unity, and love, that they may be a holy temple, acceptable unto thee.

Bless our relations, benefactors, and friends. Wilt thou arrest by thy grace, those who are going along the broad way to ruin, turning a deaf ear to the calls of mercy, and unmindful of the judgment which awaits them. O may thy quickening spirit convince them of sin, and of righteousness,

and turn their hearts to the wisdom of the just. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity ; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. Teach us, O thou God of mercy, to realize how short and uncertain is our life, and that we know not how soon we may be called to another world, and our souls be fixed in their eternal state. When thou art angry with us, all our days are gone : we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told. Shut not thy merciful ears to our prayers, but spare us, O Lord God, until we have truly repented of our sins, before we go hence and be no more seen. Grant that we may apply our hearts to the wisdom which is from above, that we may die the death of the righteous, and may our last end be like his. Raise us, we beseech thee, from the death of sin, to a life of righteousness, that we may rest in Jesus Christ, and at the general resurrection in the last day, when he shall come in his glorious majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may be found acceptable in thy sight, and rise to the life immortal, through him, who liveth and reigneth, with thee, and the Holy Ghost, world without end. **AMEN.**

¶ Here let any of the Occasional Prayers be introduced.

¶ *A Prayer for Children.*

ALMIGHTY God, and heavenly Father, we humbly beseech thee to bless the children of this family with healthful bodies, and good understandings, with the graces and gifts of thy Holy Spirit, and with sweet dispositions, and holy habits. May thy good providence lead them through all the dangers and temptations of this evil world, and sanctify them wholly in their bodies, and souls, and spirits, and keep them unblamable, to the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **AMEN.**

Sunday Evening.

¶ Begin the Evening Prayer, by reading some portion of Holy Scripture. After which, a selection from the Psalms in Metre, or a Hymn may be sung.

¶ Then all kneeling say together,

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come ; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

ALMIGHTY God, and heavenly Father, by whose merciful protection we have been conducted in safety through the day now past and gone, we desire this evening to present ourselves before thee, in humble adoration, as creatures unworthy the least of thy bounties. Another day is taken from our scanty span of life, and may its close awaken in us a lively sense of the importance of time, and remind us that the period is swiftly approaching, when time with us shall be no more. We acknowledge, O God, that we have sinned against Heaven, and before thee, and are not worthy to be called thy children, nor to ask for thy grace. We desire, O our heavenly Father, to acknowledge our unworthiness, and to bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which, from time to time, we have committed in thought, word, and deed, provoking thy just wrath against us. We do truly repent, and are heartily sorry for all our misdoings. The remem-

brance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. For the sake of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve, and please thee in newness of life.

We bless thee, O God, for the privileges of thy Sanctuary, but we confess with shame, that we, this day, have not worshipped thee, nor served thee, as we ought to do. Pardon, O Lord, the wanderings of our minds, and the coldness of our hearts, and deal not with us according to our deserts, but according to thy tender mercies. Sanctify to us all the means of grace, and especially thy appointment of a holy day of rest. Make us duly thankful, that we have been favored again with its weekly return, and sensible that one day in thy courts is better than a thousand spent in vanity and sin. May every passing day and week bring us nearer to those everlasting joys, which thou hast promised to those who love and fear thee. Prepare us, O our heavenly Father, for that eternal Sabbath, and heavenly rest, which remain for the people of God. Pardon all our sins, and accept our prayers, we humbly beseech thee, granting us those good things, which we are not worthy to ask, but in the name, and through the merits of our most blessed Lord and Redeemer. AMEN.

¶ To be used Evening after Communion.

[Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thine unworthy servants, do heartily thank thee, for having vouchsafed to feed us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ. Give us grace, O heavenly Father, to live according to our professions, and may we ever bear in mind the great danger of receiving that sacrament unworthily. May the Body of thy dear Son which was given for us, and his Blood which was shed for us, preserve our bodies, and souls, unto everlasting life ; and may we continually feed on him, in our hearts, by faith with thanksgiving. Strengthen us with might, by thy Holy Spirit, raise our hearts, and dispose our ways, toward the attainment of everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.]

O merciful and ever-living God, from whom cometh every

good and perfect gift, send down upon the Ministers of thy Gospel, especially upon our own, the continual dew of thy blessing, that they may, by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. Grant, O Lord, that all those who profess and call themselves Christians, may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. We commend to thy Fatherly goodness, all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed in mind, body, or estate, that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. Be merciful, O God, to those nations, and people, who are still sitting in darkness, and the shadow of death. By the power of thy grace, bring them near to thyself, that they may see the light of thy truth, and rejoice in thy salvation.

We ask thy blessing upon our relations, benefactors, and friends ; may all who are near and dear to us, be dear to thee, and under thy merciful care and protection. May those who are living in sin, and without God in the world, be awakened to righteousness, and turn to thee in penitence and prayer. We commend ourselves, O our heavenly Father, and all ours, into thy holy care and keeping ; wilt thou watch over us for good, and preserve us in safety. Make our rest this night to remind us of that sleep in death, in which our eyes will one day be closed, and grant that we may ever be striving so to live, that to die may be our gain. And while we love and cherish the friends yet spared to us on earth, bring continually to our minds the good examples of those who are at rest with thee, that we may seek, and at last find, an entrance into the house of many mansions, prepared by thee for thy faithful disciples, O blessed Jesus, who art with the Father, and the Holy Ghost ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

¶ Here let any of the Occasional Prayers be introduced.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. AMEN.

Sunday Morning, or Evening.

¶ After reading some portion of Holy Scripture, kneeling say,

O GOD and heavenly Father, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, whose goodness is like thy power unbounded, behold in mercy the souls before thee. We approach thee O God, as fallen, sinful creatures, unworthy to lift our eyes to thee in prayer. Trusting not in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies, and the infinite merits of a Saviour's blood, we beseech thee to look upon us with love and favor, forgiving us the things wherein we have sinned against thee, and giving us hearts to be thankful for those good things which we daily receive.

We thank thee, O God, that we are brought in safety to this thy holy day of rest. May we ever sanctify it according to thy appointment, and rejoice that the Sabbath was made for man, to be a season for laying aside our temporal cares, and presenting before thee our humble adorations. We thank thee, O our heavenly Father, for all the blessings we enjoy, both of providence and grace, but above all we praise thy holy name, for the gift of thy only Son to be our Saviour, for the means of grace, and for the hope of everlasting life in thy heavenly kingdom. We thank thee that thou hast been pleased to send into the world Ministers to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to administer his holy Sacraments. We beseech thee, O Father, to clothe with righteousness and true holiness all thy ministers of every grade ; endue them with heavenly wisdom and holy zeal, that they may, by their preaching and living, set forth thy true and lively Word, and be bright examples to the flock of Christ. Especially we ask thy rich blessings upon our

own teacher and spiritual guide, beseeching thee to prosper him in every effort to extend Christ's holy religion, and in turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just.

Send down upon the Missionaries of the Cross, and all who have left their homes, and their friends, to publish thy truth in foreign lands, such wisdom, and faith, and zeal, that they may be instruments of turning many to righteousness, and hereafter shine as the brightness of the firmament, and as the stars for ever and ever. May they be under thy special care and protection, and wilt thou preserve them, O thou Father of mercies, from perils by water, and perils by land, from sickness, from enemies, and from every evil to which they may be exposed: guide and bless them in every effort to enlarge the borders of the Redeemer's kingdom. And of thy goodness, O Lord, we beseech thee to behold all those throughout the world, who are in the darkness of error, or of unbelief. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and opposition to thy blessed Word, and give them repentance towards thee, the only true God, and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ, that they may be saved among the true Israelites, and become one fold, under one Shepherd. Raise up, we beseech thee, laborers for thy vineyard, and wilt thou put into the hearts of many, a pious desire for the office and work of the Ministry, that the light of thy Gospel may be extended through the darkness of this sinful world, till thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Bless the Church which Christ has purchased with his blood, and grant that by the operation of thy Holy Spirit, all Christians may be so joined together in unity and love, that they may be a holy temple acceptable unto thee.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O Lord, to comfort, and succor, all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

Look with pity upon the poor and needy; may we ever be ready, according to our means, to bestow upon them the things they need. Bless the children of this family, [and the children of all Sunday schools,] with the graces and

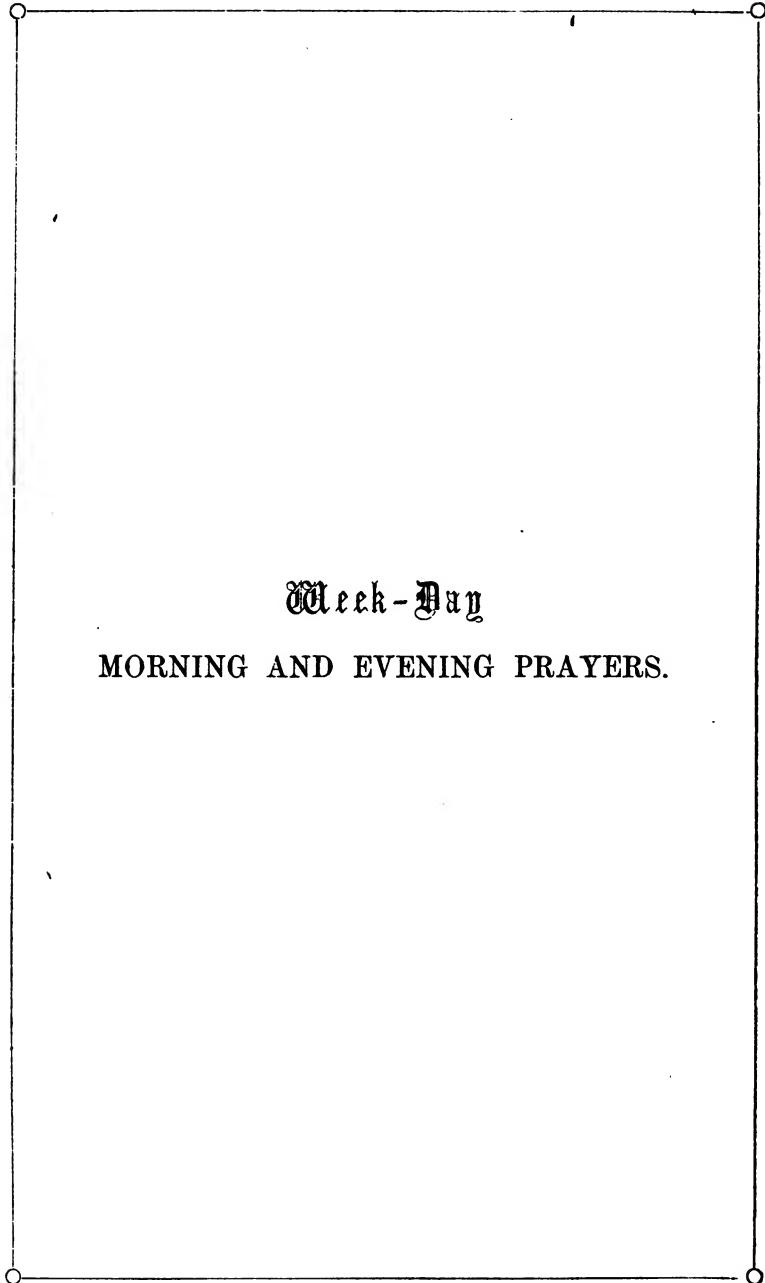
gifts of thy Holy Spirit, with sweet dispositions, and holy habits. May they love thee, with all their heart, and soul, and mind, and daily increase in holiness, and godliness of living, that they may be preserved pure and unblamable unto the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We pray for thy blessing upon this family and household, and upon all our relations and friends. Defend us from every danger, and from every sin, and grant, O Lord, that we may not, for any troubles or disappointments of life, lose our confidence in thee, nor place it in any other besides thee.

And now, O our heavenly Father, who knowest all our wants, and all our weakness, deal not with us according to our deserts, but according to thy tender mercies. Shut not thy merciful ears to our prayers, but spare us, O Lord most mighty, thou holy, just, and merciful Saviour, permit us not for the vanities of life to err from thee, nor for any thing of time and sense to lose our souls. Our days at the longest are short, and at the strongest are frail, and when we feel the most secure, we know not what a day or an hour may bring forth. We consume away in thy displeasure, and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation. When thou art angry with us, all our days are gone, we bring our years to an end as it were a tale that is told. Yet, O Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death. Shut not thy merciful ears to our prayers, but spare us, Lord most holy, thou worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour to fall from thee. Hear our supplications, O Lord, and bless us, and when our days on earth are past, and we go hence like the shadow that departeth, may we be received among the blessed servants of our Lord, and stand at thy right hand, in the great and terrible day, having our portion with the just, through the righteousness and mediation of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

¶ Here introduce any appropriate occasional Prayer.

MAY the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all ever more. AMEN.



Week-Day

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYERS.

Wait on the Lord; be of good courage and he shall strengthen thy heart.—Ps. xxvii. 14.

Call upon me in the day of trouble. I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.—Ps. l. 15.

He that diligently seeketh good, procureth favor; but he that seeketh mischief it shall come unto him. He that trusteth in his riches shall fall; but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.—Prov. xi. 27.

Week-Day Morning Prayer.

¶ The family having met together, begin the Morning Prayer by reading the following Sentences, or some other portion of Holy Scripture. After which a selection from the Psalms in Metre, or a Hymn may be sung.

¶ The Sentences.*

If we say that we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us ; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.—1 JOHN i. 8, 9.

Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people ; and walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.—JER. vii. 23.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not on thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.—PROV. iii. 5, 6.

The Lord is far from the wicked, but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.—PROV. xv. 29.

Call upon me in the day of trouble. I will deliver thee and thou shalt glorify me.—PS. l. 15.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.—PS. cxlv. 18.

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.—LAM. iii. 22.

God judgeth the righteous ; and God is angry with the wicked every day.—PS. vii. 11.

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.—PS. cxii. 1.

* The SENTENCES are not introduced as a substitute for the Bible, but are intended to be used when there is not time for the usual service, or, when a copy of the Holy Scriptures is not at hand.

The Lord is at hand ; be careful for nothing ; but in every thing by prayer, and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.—PHIL. iv. 5, 6.

Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace.—PS. xxxvii. 37.

Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of Man shall give unto you ; for him hath God the Father sealed.—JOHN vi. 27.

Enter ye in at the strait gate ; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereto : Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.—MATT. vii. 13, 14.

O Lord, correct me, but with judgment, not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.—JER. x. 24.

Search me, O God, and know my heart ; try me and know my thoughts ; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.—PS. cxxxix. 23, 24.

¶ After which all kneeling say together,

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, who art always more ready to hear, than we to pray, and are wont to give more than either we desire or deserve, behold in mercy thy needy, dependent, and perishing creatures, who desire under a sense of thy loving-kindness towards us, to offer unto thee our morning sacrifice of prayer and praise. We are here assembled, O Lord, in thy name and presence, waiting upon thee at the footstool of thy grace. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, blot out our

offences, and wash away our sins. We heartily thank thee for having brought us in safety through the dangers and darkness of the night which is past, to behold the light of another day. We adore thee, O God, for thine infinite perfections : we bless thee for thy great and manifold mercies. We thank thee for all the blessings which make life comfortable, and we humbly beg for the continuance of thy love and goodness towards us, that thou wilt give us such things as are needful and convenient, for our present comfort, and for our eternal good. Keep us, O our heavenly Father, under thy merciful care and protection, and help us to watch and pray against the dangers and temptations of this evil world, and make us ever mindful of our dependence upon thee. Dispose us rightly to discharge all the duties of this day ; watch over our paths ; preserve our going out and our coming in, and direct all our steps in the way of thy commandments. Grant us the constant aid of thy Holy Spirit, that we may please thee in will and in deed. May we ever be found in the way of duty, fearing God and working righteousness.

We bless thy holy name for the gift of thy only Son to be our Saviour ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of life everlasting. Thou hast graciously promised that they who come unto thee, through faith in Christ, shall not perish in their sins, but have eternal rest in thy heavenly kingdom. May we love the things which thou commandest, and strive for those which thou dost promise, that so among the changes and temptations of this evil world, our hearts may surely be fixed where true joys may be found. Let not the cares of this world cause us to neglect the one thing needful, but help us rather to lay up our treasures in Heaven, where moth and rust cannot destroy them. Be merciful, O God, to all mankind. May we love those who love the Lord Jesus, and may the Spirit which was in him, be also in us. Be merciful, O be merciful to those who do not pray for themselves. Wilt thou convince them of sin, and of righteousness, and reveal to their souls the comforts of thy mercy in Jesus Christ. And we pray thee, O Lord, to remember, and help us to remember, the poor, and distressed ; sanctify their sorrows, and raise their minds from the world to thee. En-

due the Ministers of thy Gospel with heavenly wisdom, and holy zeal, that both by their preaching and living, they may show the truth of thy Word, and the power of thy grace.

And wilt thou, O God, be merciful to this family and household. Defend us from all evil; watch over us for good, and take us, our relatives, and friends, under thy holy care and keeping. Let thy Fatherly hand ever be extended to preserve us from sin, and from danger, and guide our steps in the way of righteousness and peace. Though, through the frailty of our nature, and amidst the busy cares of life, we are prone to be forgetful of thee our God and Saviour, O be not unmindful of us. May thy good providence be ever with us, and so lead us in the knowledge and obedience of thy Word, that in the end we may obtain eternal life. May we continue steadfast in thy faith, and fear, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit, more and more, until we come unto thine everlasting kingdom. Whatever we need in time, and for eternity, vouchsafe to grant; and when we have served thee in our generation, may we sleep in Jesus, and meet at thy right hand, having our garments washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb. And to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. **AMEN.**

A Prayer for Children.

ALMIGHTY God, and heavenly Father, we humbly beseech thee to bless the children of this family with healthful bodies, and good understandings, with the graces and gifts of thy Holy Spirit, and with sweet dispositions, and holy habits. May thy good providence lead them through all the dangers and temptations of this evil world, and sanctify them wholly in their bodies, and souls, and spirits, and keep them unblamable, to the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

¶ Here let any of the Occasional Prayers be introduced.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **AMEN.**

Week-Day Evening Prayer.

¶ Begin the Evening Prayer by reading the Sentences, or some other portion of Holy Scripture. After which, a selection from the Psalms in Metre, or a Hymn may be sung.

¶ Then all kneeling say,

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

O GOD, who art the strength of all those who put their strength in thee, we desire this evening to bow before thee, with reverence and humility, and with a thankful sense of thy goodness towards us. We would draw nigh in full assurance of faith unto thee, who hast graciously promised that they who ask through faith in Christ, shall receive, that they who seek shall find. We have offended thee, O our heavenly Father, and done wickedly in thy sight, but in thy great goodness, have mercy upon us, and turn from us all those evils, which we too justly have deserved. We are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences. We thank thee that our lives are still preserved,

and that we are permitted once more to lay aside our worldly cares, and to address thee in prayer and praise. Thou hast been abundant to us in all things needful for the body and soul this day, and now at the end of it, we are living to praise thee, and not lying in the grave, where there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom. Above all, we adore thee, for sending thine only Son into the world to redeem us from sin, and eternal death, and for giving us the knowledge and sense of our duty towards thee. May we not deceive ourselves, by professing to trust in Christ, while we neglect his great salvation ; by calling him Lord, while we do not the things which he commands. O suffer us not to perish amidst the means designed to save us. May we strive so to live, that to die may be our gain.

Have mercy, O Lord, upon all those who are erring and straying from thy righteous ways, having no sure hope, and without God in the world. May thy Holy Spirit convince them of their sins, and fetch them home to thy flock, and to the fold of the one Shepherd, Jesus Christ. And we beseech thee, O God, to behold in mercy all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Grant them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. Extend, we beseech thee, the knowledge of thy truth, and may the borders of Zion be more and more enlarged, till all the ends of the world shall see the salvation of our God. Give grace, O our heavenly Father, to the Ministers of thy Gospel, that they may set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly administer thy holy Sacraments. And especially, and most earnestly do we ask thy blessing upon him, our spiritual guide, who breaks to us the bread of life, beseeching thee to rule his heart, to strengthen his hands, and bless his labors. Awaken in his mind a holy zeal for thy glory, and for the salvation of souls.

¶ To be used at the close of the week.

[During the week which is now near its close, many of our fellow-men have departed this life, and entered into their eternal state ; while we yet survive, monuments of thy forbearing mercy. While our life is continued, may we live to

thee. Prepare us for the duties, and for the right observance of the Lord's day, which is approaching, that we may sanctify it as holy unto thee, and a season sacred to thy worship. Be with the assemblies of thy people ; meet them in mercy, and visit them with thy salvation. May all who seek thee be joyful and glad in thee, and find by happy experience, that one day in thy courts is better than a thousand spent in vanity and sin.]

And now, O Lord, we desire to commit ourselves, our souls, and bodies, and all our relations and friends, to thy holy protecting providence, humbly beseeching thee to defend us while we sleep, from every evil to which we may be exposed : Watch over us for good, and keep us in safety. Shouldst thou call us hence this night, may it be to thyself in a better world. O may we put our whole trust in thy mercy ; may we not for any troubles of life, or for any allurements of the world, cast away our confidence in thee, nor place it in any other. And teach us, O God, amidst the daily scenes of mortality which surround us, to realize how short and uncertain our life is, that whatever our hands find to do, we may do it with all diligence and care, before that night cometh in which no man can work.

And do thou, O God, the fountain of all wisdom, mercy, and grace, who knowest what we need, and the imperfection of our sincerest prayers, have compassion upon our infirmities ; and whatever good things thou shalt see to be fitting for us, and for thy church, and for all mankind, we humbly beg, through the merits and mediation of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. **AMEN.**

¶ Here let any of the Occasional Prayers be introduced.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **AMEN.**

Morning or Evening Prayer.

¶ The following Prayers are arranged for a short *Morning* or *Evening* Service, to be used at the discretion of the person officiating. Or they may be used separately, with any of the Prayers which precede or follow.

¶ After reading some portion of Holy Scripture, all kneeling, say,

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy Holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy Commandments, that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

O GOD, the Holy Ghost, sanctifier of the faithful, visit, we pray thee, this family with thy love and favor; enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; graft in our hearts a love of the truth; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, O blessed Spirit, whom with the Father and Son together we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. AMEN.

[MORNING.]

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger ; but that all our doings being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

[EVENING.]

O LORD, our heavenly Father, by whose Almighty power we have been preserved this day, by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

O GOD, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered, make us, we beseech thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life, and let thy Holy Spirit lead us through this vale of misery, in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives, that when we shall have served thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the communion of thy holy church ; in the confidence of a certain faith ; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope ; in favor with thee, our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

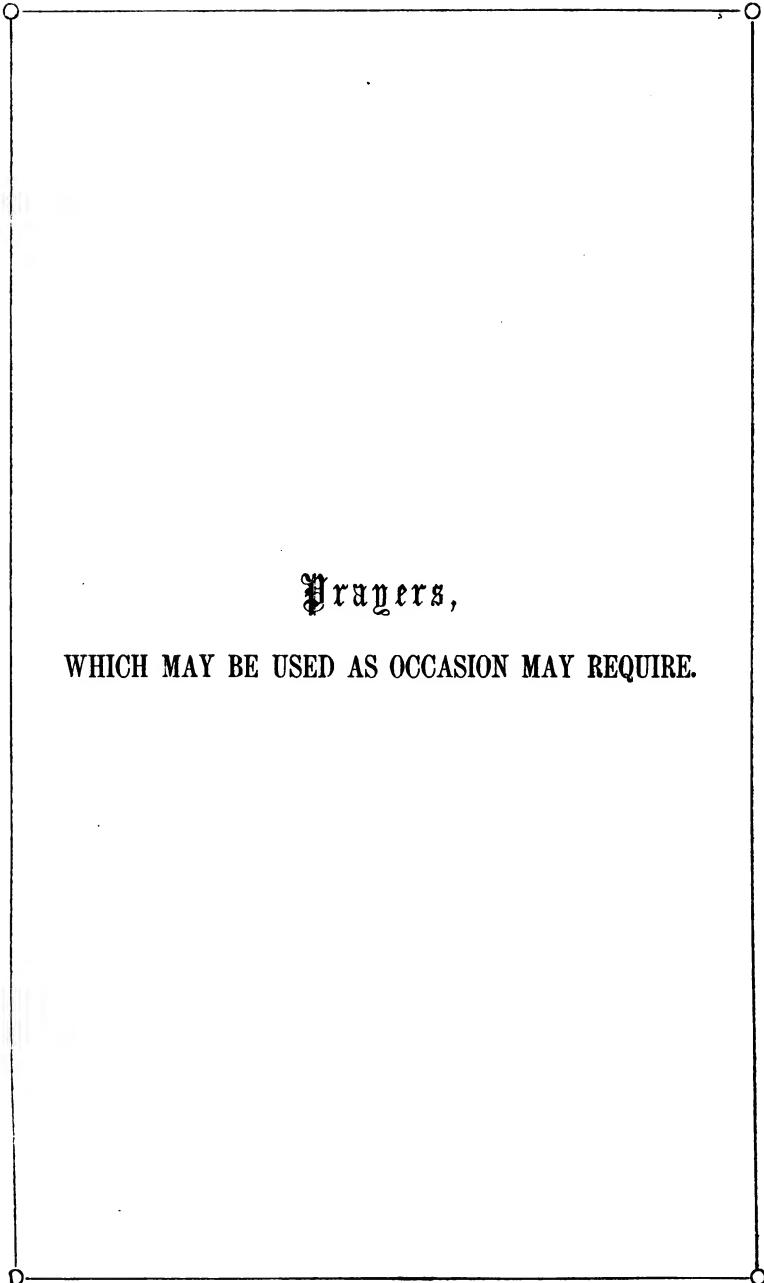
The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. AMEN.

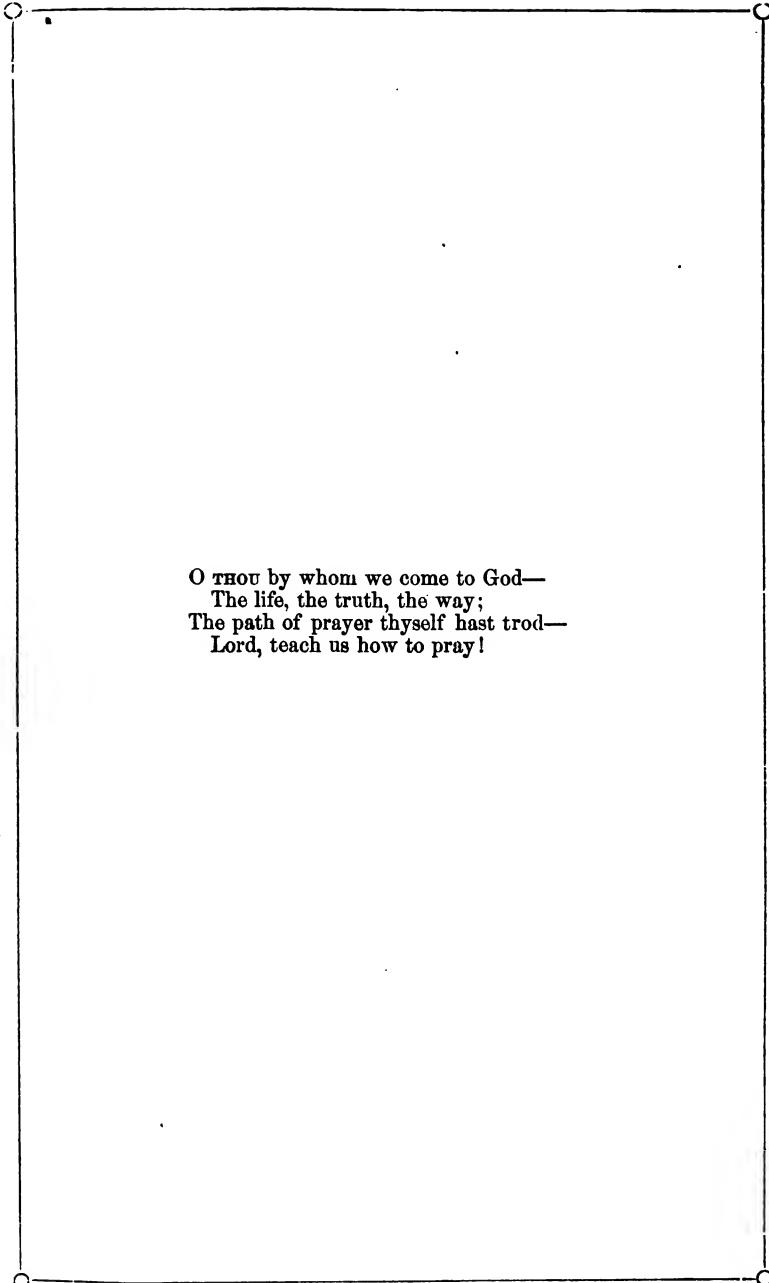
If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.—JOHN xv. 7.

Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.—1 THES. v. 17, 18.



Prayers,

WHICH MAY BE USED AS OCCASION MAY REQUIRE.



O THOU by whom we come to God—
The life, the truth, the way;
The path of prayer thyself hast trod—
Lord, teach us how to pray!

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS.

¶ To be used in connection with the Prayers for Sunday Morning and Evening, and the Week-day Morning and Evening Prayers.

For the Close, or Beginning of a Year.

O MERCIFUL God, and heavenly Father, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered, thou art from everlasting to everlasting ; the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever. Behold in mercy thy needy, dependent, and perishing creatures, whose life is but a span, and whose age is even as nothing in respect of thee. It is of thy mercy that we are not consumed, and because thy compassions fail not. Thou holdest our souls in life, and to thee we lift our eyes, as the only hope of all the ends of the earth. We thank thee, O Lord God, that while another year has [nearly] passed away, and thousands of precious souls have departed to the eternal world, we yet survive, monuments of thy forbearing mercy. Help us, O our heavenly Father, so to number our days, and so duly to consider the shortness and uncertainty of human life, that we may apply our hearts to true wisdom. Shouldst thou, O Lord, in thy goodness, spare us yet another year, give us grace, we humbly beseech thee, to serve thee better than in times past. In all dangers, both of soul and body, cover us with the shadow of thy wings ; give thy angels charge over us to keep us in all our ways. Be with us through the journey of life, and bring us at last to thy heavenly rest. We ask it in the name, and through the mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

A General Prayer for the Sick.

¶ Which may be used in connection with the three following, as occasion may require.

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, who art the Giver of life and health, and in whom we live, and move, and have our being, we look unto thee as the God of mercy, and our only help in the hour of distress. We acknowledge that sickness, and pains, and sorrows are the dispensations of thy righteous hand, and are less than our sins deserve. Remember not Lord our offences, neither take thou vengeance of our sins, but spare in mercy those whom thou hast in love redeemed. Look with compassion upon our infirmities, and for the glory of thy name turn from us those evils which our sins have deserved.

In all our troubles, and all the trials of life, may we put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy. Thou hast taught us in thy Holy Word that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men, and that all things work together for good to those who love and fear thee. Give us grace, we beseech thee, in all things to submit to thy appointments, and to be conformed to thy blessed will. If the cup of affliction may not consistently with thy wisdom pass from us, be it not as we will, O God, but as thou wilt. Grant that we, who have received so much good at thy hand, may never murmur, nor charge thee foolishly when we receive evil. May seasons of sickness, when we are retired from our worldly occupations, remind us that we are mortal, and be wisely viewed as gracious opportunities of raising our thoughts from the world to thee ; of attending to the concerns of our immortal souls, and laying up treasures where neither moth nor rust can corrupt. We bless thee, O God, that in the midst of judgment thou rememberest mercy, giving ease to pains, and mingling many comforts with the evils of life ; that thou dost not deal with us according to our sins, nor reward us according to our iniquities. Justly mightest thou reject our prayer and take thy Holy Spirit from us. But thou art God, and not as man ; thou art a refuge to the needy : a present help in time of trouble.

With confidence in thy mercy, we entreat thee, O our heavenly Father, to accept our prayer and intercessions for our sick *brother*, and for all those who in this life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity : granting them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. Hear us, O Lord, and bless us, for the worthiness of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

For a Sick Person.

O HOLY, just, and merciful God, who despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as are sorrowful, behold thy unworthy servants, and hear the prayers which we desire to offer in the name of Jesus Christ. With humble reverence we would bow before thee, beseeching thee to look with favor upon thy sick servant, for whom we offer our prayers. He is weak, but thou art Almighty. He is brought low, but speak the word only, and he shall be made whole. Dispose him in all things to submit to thy righteous will. May he not be impatient under thy hand, but through thy grace perform every duty which thou requirest. Sanctify this affliction to the purifying of his heart from all sinful affections, and grant him a lively, holy hope in thy heavenly promises. May the uncertainty of life raise the more earnestly his desires to the immortal glories of the world to come. Should it please thee, O our heavenly Father, to prolong his days here on earth, may he live to thee, and be an instrument of thy glory, by serving thee faithfully, and doing good in his generation. Hear our prayers, O merciful God, for the love of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

For a Person Dangerously Sick.

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need, look down from Heaven we humbly beseech thee ; behold, visit, and relieve thy sick servant, for whom we offer our prayers. Look upon him with the eyes of thy mercy ; comfort him with a sense of thy goodness ;

preserve him from the temptations of the enemy ; give him patience under his afflictions, and in thy good time restore him to health, and enable him to lead the residue of his life in thy fear and to thy glory. With confidence in thy mercy, and trusting in thy gracious promises, we would commend him into thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, humbly beseeching thee to work in him, and to do for him what shall be best for his present comfort, and his eternal good. There is nothing, O Lord, impossible with thee. Shouldst thou but speak the word, he would be restored to health ; and we beseech thee, O God, if it be consistent with thy unerring wisdom, that thou wilt raise him up, and grant him a longer continuance here on the earth. If thy wisdom has otherwise appointed, O be thou merciful to his soul, and fit and prepare him for thy heavenly rest. And when thou shalt call him hence, may he depart in peace, and his soul be received into those heavenly mansions, which the Saviour has promised to those who love and fear him. Hear us, O Lord, we humbly beseech thee, for thy mercies' sake in Jesus Christ. AMEN.

For a Sick Child.

ALMIGHTY God and heavenly Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death, look down from heaven we humbly beseech thee, with the eyes of mercy upon the sick child, for whom we offer our prayers. Look upon him with thy compassionate goodness, and visit him with thy salvation. His life is in thy hand ; may it be precious in thy sight. Deliver him, O Lord, in thy good appointed time from his bodily pain and sickness, and save his soul for thy mercies' sake. Behold with pity the fears and sorrows of those who acknowledge their dependence, and rejoice that they are dependent upon a righteous and merciful God. O thou who dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men, if it be thy good pleasure, grant that this child may live to thee. Guide and preserve him through all dangers both of soul and body. Restore him to health, and may he long live to thy glory, a member of Christ, a child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven. But if in thy

wisdom thou hast otherwise appointed, and it be thy purpose to remove him from this world of pain, and sin, and sorrow, receive him, O God, we beseech thee, into those heavenly habitations of life and glory, where the souls of those who sleep in Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Hear our prayers, we humbly beseech thee, in the name and through the mediation of thy dear Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

A Thanksgiving for a Recovery from Sickness.

O GOD and heavenly Father, who art the giver of life, of health, and of safety; we bless thy name that thou hast been pleased to deliver from his bodily pain and sickness thy servant, who desireth now to return thanks unto thee, in grateful and devout acknowledgments of thy love and mercy towards him. May his heart be duly impressed with a sense of thy merciful goodness, and may he devote the residue of his life to an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee. Grant, O Lord, that each and all of us, in our best estate of health, may continually remember how frail, and sinful, and mortal we are. Give us grace to pass the time of our sojourning here in thy faith and fear, as becometh those who must shortly die, and who must soon appear before thy judgment seat. Hear us, O merciful God, we humbly beseech thee, for thy mercies' sake in Jesus Christ. AMEN.

In Time of Affliction.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who hast taught us in thy Holy Word, that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men; look with pity, we beseech thee, upon the sorrows of thy servants, whom thou hast seen fit to visit with trouble. Righteous art thou, O God, and just in all thy doings. We acknowledge that our sufferings are less than our sins deserve, and that it is because thy compassion faileth not that we are not consumed. Remember us, O Lord, in mercy; sanctify thy fatherly correction to us; endue our souls with patience under our affliction, and with resignation to thy blessed will; comfort us with a sense of

thy goodness ; lift up thy countenance upon us, and give us peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

For a Person on [or Going] a Journey.

O GOD, the Protector of all that trust in thee, we humbly beseech thee to have under thy special care and keeping the member of this family, now [intending to be] absent from home. Be thou in all things his conductor and guide ; may thy presence be with him to shield him from all manner of evil. O be thou his preserver and defence, and conduct him in safety to his journey's end. Grant that in all troubles and difficulties he may put his whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

For Friends Absent.

O BLESSED Lord God, in humble adoration we look unto thee, as the Author of our being, the Giver of all good, and the hope of all the ends of the earth. We, thy sinful creatures, beseech thee to behold us in mercy, and forgive us our sins : And we pray thee to defend us from all dangers both of soul and body ; from our spiritual enemies, and from everlasting death. And wilt thou, O Lord, hear with favor our supplications, and accept our prayers, for our [family, and] friends, from whom we now are separated. Preserve them, we beseech thee, from sickness and sorrow, and from every evil to which they may be exposed ; Watch over them for good, and keep them in safety. Grant that in thy good time we may meet them in prosperity and peace, and with them unite in thankful acknowledgments of thy great goodness. Hear our prayers, O Lord, and bless us for the sake of thy dear Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

Thanksgiving, after a Safe Return from a Journey.

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, the Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants, desire with thankful hearts to bless thy holy name for thy daily goodness, and

providential care, from the commencement of our lives, to this present time. We thank thee for the return of thy servant, whom thou hast brought back in safety, and for all the blessings he received while absent from home ; and we pray thee fill our hearts with joy and gladness, that we can again worship together at our family altar. May we put our whole trust and confidence in thee, that when the journey of life is ended, we may all meet in our Father's house above, to go no more out for ever ; for Jesus Christ our Redeemer's sake. **AMEN.**

In Time of Great Sickness and Mortality.

O ALMIGHTY God, the Lord of life and death, of sickness and health, regard our supplications, we humbly beseech thee, and as thou hast thought fit to visit us for our sins, with great sickness and mortality, in the midst of thy judgment, O Lord, remember mercy. Have pity upon us miserable sinners, and withdraw from us the grievous sickness with which we are afflicted. May this thy fatherly correction, have its due influence upon us, by leading us to consider how frail and uncertain our life is ; that we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom, which in the end will bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

In Seasons of Sickness Abroad.

O MERCIFUL God and heavenly Father, who despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the supplications of those who fly to thee for succor, look down, we beseech thee, with pity upon the sorrows of thy servants [in a distant land,] who have done wickedly in departing from thy precepts, provoking thy just wrath against them. Help them, O our heavenly Father, earnestly to repent them of their sins, and work in them a godly sorrow for all their misdeeds. Look with compassion upon them, and upon our country, and withdraw from them the grievous sickness with which thou hast afflicted them. O stay the hand of the destroying angel, and grant that their visitation may cause

them, and all the inhabitants of our land, to remember that the Lord ruleth, and that sickness, and pain, and death, are the dispensations of thy righteous providence, and are less than our sins deserve. Awakened by thy warning voice, may they turn to thee in penitence and prayer, and ever more put their whole trust and confidence in thee alone. O may this affliction which rests so hard upon them, through thy blessing be turned to good. Support and comfort them, O heavenly Father, in all the changes and disappointments of life, and give them grace to show forth their thankfulness, by a holy obedience to thy laws, and by lives devoted to thy service. Hear our supplications, O Lord, and forgive us our sins, and save our souls through the merits and mediation of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

For God's Blessing,

O LORD, our heavenly Father, who knowest all our wants, and all our weakness, deal not with us according to our deserts, but according to thy tender mercies. Let thy blessing be ever with us, and sanctify us wholly, that our minds may always be set to do good, and our hearts and lips be given to prayer and praise. And when the days of our vanity and rejoicing are past, and we go hence like the shadow that departeth, may we be received among the blessed servants of our Lord, and stand at thy right hand in the great and terrible day, having our portion with the just, through the righteousness and mediation of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

For the Ministry.

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, who didst so love the world as to send into it thy blessed Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour, who, after he had died for our sins, and risen for our justification, sent forth his Apostles and other Ministers to preach his gospel and convert all nations ; we thank thee for these unspeakable blessings, and for thy great goodness in still sending thy Ministers to preach the glad tidings of joy and peace to a sinful world. Endue them, O Lord,

with heavenly wisdom and holy zeal for thy glory and the salvation of souls. Make them instruments of thy grace in awakening sinners, and in turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just. May they be clothed with righteousness and true holiness, and grant that by their preaching and living they may show the truth of thy Word, and be faithful examples to the flock of Christ.

Raise up, we beseech thee, laborers for thy vineyard, and grant, O Lord, that all who are desiring or designed for the office of the sacred ministry, may by thy sanctifying Spirit be prepared for a faithful and successful discharge of its duties. Pour upon them every gift and grace necessary for their work; may they go forth in thy strength, and may thy blessing attend their labors. O may thy kingdom come with power, thy truth and righteousness increase, till thy will shall be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Hear us, O Lord, we humbly beseech thee, and grant our requests, for the sake of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

For Sunday Schools.

O GOD and heavenly Father, the Author and Giver of all good, we thy unworthy servants, offer thee our humble and hearty thanks for thy manifold goodness to us, and to all the children of men. Trusting in the Word and in the merits of our blessed Saviour, who has taught us to ask in his name that we may receive, we beseech thee to look with thy favor and blessing upon the children and youth of our Sunday schools and seminaries of learning. Awaken in their tender minds a just and lively sense of the importance of early piety and religious knowledge. Grant, O Lord, that they may be trained up in the way they should go, and never depart from it. May thy Holy Spirit direct and aid them in their humble efforts to know and do thy will, that they may be truly members of Christ, children of God, and heirs of his heavenly kingdom.

Pour thy rich blessings upon all teachers and instructors who are engaged in the pious work of leading souls in the way of thy commandments. Remember them, O God, for good; give them wisdom, and patience, and grace, to perse-

vere in their labor of love. May they not be weary in well-doing, but follow the example of him, our blessed Lord, who spent his life in doing good. Help each and all of us, O our heavenly Father, to know thy will ; direct and bless us in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help, that all our works and all our desires may be to thy glory, and to the good of our fellow-men. Hear us, O thou God of mercy, for the sake of thy dear Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

For the Success of Missionary Labors.

O BLESSED Lord God, who in thy tender mercy hast so loved the world as to give thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour, we beseech thee to hear our prayers and supplications for all those nations and people of the earth, who are still sitting in darkness, and in the shadow of death, having no hope, and without God in the world. Take from them all blindness, hardness of heart, and neglect of thy Word, and so fetch them home to thy flock, blessed Lord, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and become one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Send down, we beseech thee, upon the Ministers of thy Gospel, the continual dew of thy blessing, and especially remember for good those who labor as missionaries in foreign lands. Preserve them, O thou Father of mercies, from all perils and dangers, from sickness, from enemies, and from every evil to which they may be exposed : Guide and bless them in every effort to extend the borders of the Redeemer's kingdom. Bless thy Word wherever it is spoken, and send it to those places where it is not heard. Give thy heavenly blessing to all Bible and Missionary efforts, and to all who associate for benevolent and religious objects. May we ever be ready to give of our substance, and rejoice to be instrumental in extending to others those blessed privileges, which through thy goodness we enjoy. May we pray earnestly, and strive diligently, that the gospel of Jesus Christ may be truly preached to every creature. Pardon, O Lord, our weakness, and the coldness of our love and zeal for thee and for thy church. Have mercy upon us, and forgive us

our sins, and when we shall have served thee in our generation, may we all meet at thy right hand, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee, and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

For the Minister of a Parish.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast graciously promised to hear the prayers of those who ask in thy Son's name, we desire to render unto thee our humble and hearty thanks, for that thou hast been pleased to send into the world Ministers to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, and rightly administer the ordinances of his holy religion.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all thy Ministers of every grade, and especially pour thy rich blessings upon our own teacher and spiritual guide, who breaks to us the bread of life. Awaken in his heart a holy zeal for the honor of thy name, the prosperity of thy church, and for the salvation of ourselves and others.

Give him such wisdom and such success, that he may be an instrument of turning many to righteousness, and wilt thou guide and bless him in every effort to extend the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Let thy Holy Spirit, and the richest blessings of thy grace, ever be with him to excite him to diligence, watchfulness, and prayer. Hear our supplications, O Lord, and bless us for the worthiness of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

For the Ignorant and Superstitious.

O GOD and heavenly Father, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live, we beseech thee, for the sake of thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, to look with pity upon those who are ignorant of the truths of thy blessed Word, and are living in a fallen, sinful state. Remove the veil of ignorance and superstition which blinds their eyes; may they see and know that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and the only Saviour of the world. Put into their hands the blessed Word of ever-

lasting life ; may it sink deep into their hearts, and make them wise unto the salvation of their souls. May they turn to thee in penitence and prayer, and may they, and all who are now living in ignorance and sin, be influenced by thy Holy Spirit, be guided by the example of Jesus Christ, and press forward in the ways and works of godliness, that finally by the merits and mediation of thy dear Son, they may inherit eternal life in thy heavenly kingdom. Hear our prayer, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Redeemer. AMEN.

For General or Diocesan Conventions.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's name, we humbly beseech thee, by thy Holy Spirit, to be present with the council of thy Church, now assembled in thy name and presence. Save them from all error, ignorance, pride, and prejudice, and of thy great mercy direct, sanctify, and govern them in their present work, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, in building up the Redeemer's kingdom on earth, to the glory of thy great name, and the salvation of ourselves and others. Let thy continual pity cleanse and defend the whole Church of Christ, and grant that the blessed Gospel of our Saviour may be truly preached, truly received, and truly followed, till thy will be done on earth as it is done in Heaven. Hear our prayers, we humbly beseech thee, O merciful God, for the worthiness of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Redeemer. AMEN.

A Prayer for Children.

O LORD and heavenly Father, the Author and Giver of every good gift, mercifully behold and bless the children of this family, [and all the rising generation,] with the graces and gifts of thy Holy Spirit, and increase in their minds all holy affections. May they remember their Creator in the days of their youth ; may they seek thee while thou mayest be found, and call upon thee while thou art near. Nourish their souls with the bread of everlasting life, and of

thy great mercy teach them the truths of thy blessed Word ; keep them in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments. Preserve them from the snares and temptations of this evil world ; may they love thee with all their heart, and soul, and mind, and let thy good Spirit lead and guide them in holiness and righteousness, all the days of their life. Help them continually to mortify their evil and corrupt affections ; may they daily increase in virtue and godliness of living, and when they have served thee in their generation, may they be prepared to dwell with thee in life everlasting. Hear our prayers and grant our requests, most merciful God, for the sake of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Grace before Meals.

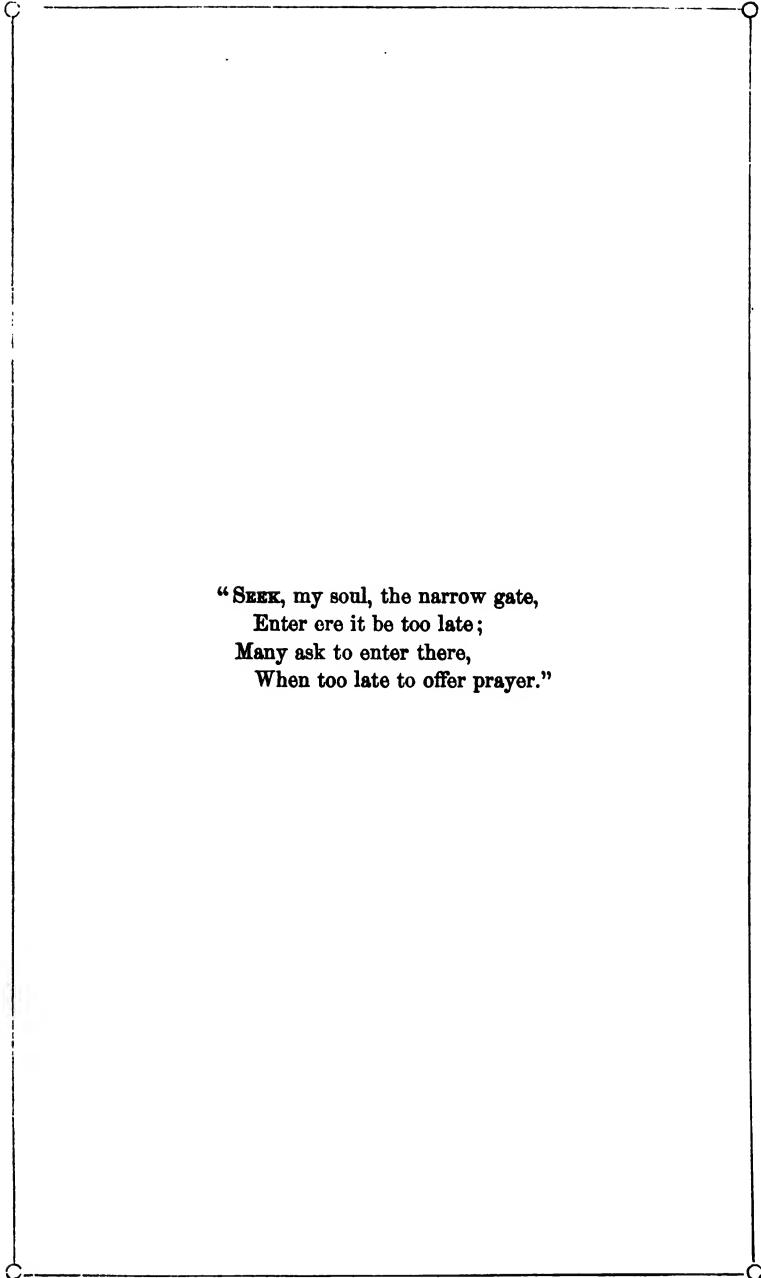
WE thank thee, heavenly Father, for these and all thy gifts ; bless them to our use, and ourselves to thy service, for Christ's sake. AMEN.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us ; bless this refreshment to our use, and fit us for thy kingdom in Heaven, for Christ's sake. AMEN.

BLESS, heavenly Father, this food to our use, and incline our hearts to thy service, for Christ's sake. AMEN.

Grace after Meals.

FOR these and all thy mercies, O God, thy holy name be praised, through Christ our Lord. AMEN.



“SEEK, my soul, the narrow gate,
Enter ere it be too late;
Many ask to enter there,
When too late to offer prayer.”

Enter into thy Closet.

SEEK ye the Lord while he may be found ; call ye upon him while he is near.—ISAIAH iv. 6.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him ; yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.—PS. cxlv. 18.

Ask, and it shall be given you ; seek, and ye shall find ; knock, and it shall be opened to you.—MATT. vii. 7.

PRIVATE DEVOTION.

"Enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret."

Sunday Morning.

¶ Begin Sunday Morning by reading some portion of Holy Scripture. After which devoutly kneeling say,

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

ALMIGHTY God, and heavenly Father, my strength and confidence, my shield, and the defender of all that trust in thee, I desire this morning to come before thee, acknowledging my unworthiness through my manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, or to ask for thy blessing. Daily and often have I offended thee, who art holy, good, and merciful. Trusting not in my own righteousness, but in thy great mercy through Jesus Christ, I humbly beseech thee to turn thy face from my sins, and blot out all my misdeeds. Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Though I have erred and strayed from thy righteous ways, and often transgressed thy holy laws, cast

me not away in thy displeasure, but give me the spirit of humble supplication, and teach me how to pray. I desire, O heavenly Father, to render unto thee my humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness, for the gifts of life and reason, for health and friends, for food and raiment, and for all the enjoyments of this present life. But above all, I adore thy mercy in sending thine only Son into the world, to redeem me from sin and eternal death, and for giving me the knowledge and sense of my duty towards thee. Make me truly thankful for all thy mercies, and in all things obedient to thy holy will.

This is the day which the Lord hath made, which he hath sanctified to himself by rising from the dead ; may I rejoice and be glad in it with holy joy, and with a thankful heart. [Let thy Holy Spirit go with me to the place of thy public worship ; make me devout, and humble, and attentive to the duties of thy sanctuary.] Enable me to raise my thoughts from worldly cares, to the hopes and promises of the better life to come. Make me sensible, O Lord, how great are the privileges of thy sanctuary ; how blessed it is to enter into thy gates with thanksgiving, and into thy courts with praise, to fall down and kneel before the Lord my Maker. Dispose me in an honest and good heart, to hear the Gospel of my Saviour Christ, and to receive with meekness the words of eternal life.

Be merciful, O God, to those who are living in sin, and are far from thy kingdom. By the power of thy grace bring them near to thyself, that they may see the light of thy truth, and rejoice in thy salvation. Give me a heart, O Lord, to pity and pray for the poor and needy, and for all who need the blessings which I enjoy. Comfort all who are visited with affliction. Sanctify their sorrows, and raise their minds from the world to thee. Look with favor upon the Ministers of thy Gospel, and especially upon him my Spiritual guide. Remember him, O Lord, for good ; give him wisdom and patience, and grace to persevere in his work of faith and love.

Bless all who are near and dear to me ; may they be dear to thee, and under thy merciful care and protection. Direct their hearts, and dispose their ways towards the attainment

of life eternal: May they daily grow in grace, and in the knowledge and love of God. Direct and bless me in all my endeavors to know thy will: Quicken me in the pursuit of spiritual things; watch over my paths; preserve my going out and coming in, and direct all my steps in the way of righteousness and peace. Grant me the constant aid of thy Holy Spirit, that I may please thee both in will and deed; raise my heart and desires to heavenly things, and in all the changing scenes of this mortal life may I put my whole trust in thy providential care. Hear my humble supplications, O Lord, and behold me with love and favor. Enlighten my mind with the truths of the blessed Gospel; graft in my heart the love of thy name; increase in me true religion; nourish me with all goodness; and of thy great mercy guide and bless me in all that I do, that in this life I may live to thy glory, and finally attain everlasting life in the world to come, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. AMEN.

¶ Here introduce any appropriate occasional Prayer.*

MAY the grace of Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with me evermore. AMEN.

* Any of the Occasional Prayers for Family Worship may be used by one person, by changing the plural of the pronoun into the singular number.

Sunday Evening.

¶ After reading some portion of Holy Scripture, devoutly kneeling say,

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, I desire once more to bow before thee, with reverence and humility, with a thankful sense of thy goodness, in preserving my life through another day of my earthly course. I praise thee for thy merciful kindness to a creature so undeserving ; I acknowledge my transgressions, and I entreat thee, for the worthiness of thy dear Son, to blot out my offences, and wash away my sins. I am unworthy to ask or to receive of thee any thing good, and my sins deserve thy displeasure. Dispose me to be penitent and humble, and to serve thee as I ought to do. May I be careful to maintain good works, while I trust only in the merits of my Redeemer. May thy Holy Spirit help me to ask for such things as are fit for me to receive, and which I truly need. Work in me a hearty contrition, that I may obtain, through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ, remission and forgiveness of my sins.

I thank thee, O God, for the ordinances of religion, for the means of grace, and for all the privileges of thy blessed Sanctuary. Give me grace so to use them that I may be truly a member of Christ, a child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of Heaven. Pardon, O Lord, my neglect of thy Word, the coldness of my heart, and all things wherein I have this day offended thee. Remember not, Lord, my offences, neither take thou vengeance of my sins, but give me the comfort of thy salvation that my soul may bless thee, and all that is within me praise thy holy name.

Without thee, O God, nothing is strong, nothing is holy ; increase upon me thy mercy, that thou being my ruler and guide, I may so pass through things temporal that I finally lose not the things eternal. Set continually before me the holy example of Jesus Christ, that I may walk as he walked, and that the spirit which was in him may also be in me. Increase my love and Christian affection for all who need my prayers. Hear my supplications for the poor and needy ; may I ever be ready to give, and according to my means and opportunities, bestow upon them the things they need. Enlarge the borders of the Redeemer's kingdom till at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, and all the ends of the earth shall rejoice to call him Lord. Increase the number of chosen, faithful Ministers of thy Word, for the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Awaken in the minds of many a pious desire to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to minister in holy things.

Let thy blessing rest upon my relatives and friends, and all who are near and dear to me. Take them, O heavenly Father, under thy holy care and keeping ; fit and prepare them for thy heavenly kingdom.

And now, O Lord, who knowest all my wants, and all my weakness, deal not with me according to my deserts, but according to thy tender mercies. Sanctify me wholly, that my mind may always be set to do good, and my heart and lips be given to prayer and praise. Preserve me through all the dangers and perils of this night ; defend me while I sleep from every evil to which I may be exposed. If thou shalt mercifully preserve me till the morning light, may I rise with a thankful heart, and devote to thee the life thou givest. These favors I humbly ask in the name, and through the merits and mediation of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

¶ Here introduce any appropriate Occasional Prayer.

MAY the grace of Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with me evermore. **AMEN.**

Week-Day Morning Prayer.

¶ Begin each morning by reading a portion of Holy Scripture.

¶ After which kneeling say,

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

O MERCIFUL God, and heavenly Father, the Giver of all good gifts, whose ears are open to the prayers of those who ask in thy Son's name, cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that I may address thee with reverence and godly fear, and with a heart thankful for thy unnumbered mercies. I thank thee, O God, for thy great goodness in preserving my life through the dangers and darkness of the night which is past; for all the comforts continually bestowed upon me, and chiefly for thy mercy in Jesus Christ. I am unworthy to offer thee any sacrifice, but for the sake of thy dear Son have mercy upon me after thy great goodness, according to the multitude of thy mercies, wash me thoroughly from my sins. Who can tell how oft he offendeth? O cleanse thou me from my secret faults. Keep me also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me. Let a just sense of thy forbearing mercy lead me truly to repent and keep me at the foot of the Saviour's Cross.

Make me, O God, duly thankful for the inestimable gift of a divine Saviour, and for the knowledge of thy grace, and faith in him. Give thy blessing to all Ministers of thy Gospel, and especially to my own. May they never be weary in well-doing ; may they be instruments of thy grace in awakening sinners to righteousness, and in turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just. Behold with thy compassionate goodness all the sons and daughters of sorrow : Help them in faith to raise their souls in prayer and praise to thee. Provide for the fatherless children, and widows, and all who are poor and needy ; enable me to extend to them the comforts which through thy goodness I enjoy. Strengthen and help the weak and wavering ; raise up those who fall, and bring all who err into the way of righteousness and peace.

Dispose me rightly to discharge all the duties of this day. Watch over my paths ; preserve me in my going out and coming in, and direct all my steps in the way of thy commandments. In all things may I be honest and conscientious ; harmless in my conversation ; meek in my deportment ; watchful over myself, and never forgetful of thee. May I live as they should live who are taught of God. Defend me in all dangers and adversities, and be graciously pleased to take me, my relatives, and friends, under thy merciful care and protection, that we may be thy servants, and that thou mayest be our God. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep me this day without sin, and may I ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help. Keep in my mind a lively remembrance of that great day of the Lord, when I must render an account of my conduct in this world, and be judged according to my works. May I continue steadfast in thy faith, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until I come to thine everlasting kingdom. Grant this, most merciful Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, my Mediator and Redeemer. AMEN.

¶ Here introduce any appropriate Occasional Prayer.

MAY the grace of Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with me evermore.
AMEN.

Evening Prayer.

¶ After reading some portion of Holy Scripture devoutly kneeling, say,

O BLESSED Lord God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered, I thank thee for thy great goodness in preserving my life through the day now past and gone, and now at the close of it I desire to come before thee, not in my own name, nor trusting in my own righteousness, but in the name of Jesus Christ, and through his merits, humbly beseeching thee to hear my supplications and grant my requests. I desire, O heavenly Father, to acknowledge my unworthiness, and to bewail the sins which I have this day committed in thought, word, and deed, provoking thy just wrath against me. Give me grace, most merciful God, truly to repent and to be heartily sorry for all my misdoings. For the sake of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, forgive me all that is past, and grant that I may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life. I desire, O gracious God, to render thee my humble and hearty thanks for all thy mercies. I bless thee for the gifts of health and friends, my food and raiment, and for all the enjoyments of this present life. Continue these thy blessings to me, and give me grace to show my thankfulness in a faithful obedience to His laws, through whose merits and intercession I receive them all, thy Son my Saviour Jesus Christ.

¶ To be used at the close of the week.

[Make me thankful, O Lord, for all the religious privileges I enjoy, and especially for thy appointment of one day in seven to be a season of holy rest from worldly cares. May the Lord's day which is approaching be my delight; prepare and sanctify me that I may keep it holy. What I

am taught on thy blessed Sabbath may I practise through the week ; and while I advance in age may I grow in grace, and in the knowledge of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.]

Have mercy, O gracious Lord, upon the impenitent ; alarm the careless, and awaken them to righteousness. Be gracious to all who are sorrowful, all who mourn for their sins ; comfort them in every danger, and defend them from every sin. Have mercy upon all who are visited with sickness and bodily distress. May they bow with submission to thy will, and through thy grace make all the improvement which thou requirest. Hear my prayer, O Lord, for all mankind ; may the light of thy blessed truth extend through the world, and increase, until all the nations of the earth shall rejoice in thy salvation.

I humbly commend unto thy Fatherly care myself, my soul, and body, and all my kindred and friends. May thy kind protecting Providence watch over me while I sleep ; preserve me through the silent watches of the night, and fit me for the duties of the following day. May the close of each day remind me of the night of death near at hand, and stimulate me to do with all my might what thou hast appointed me to do. As the years of my life are passing away, help me, I beseech thee, so to number my days, so to estimate their shortness, and the uncertainty of life, that I may be always ready to leave this world, at any day or hour, in which the Lord my God shall call me. Direct my steps in the paths of righteousness and peace, and dispose all my ways toward the attainment of everlasting salvation, that I may live to thy glory in this world, and in the world to come enjoy eternal life, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. AMEN.

¶ Here introduce any appropriate Occasional Prayer.

MAY the grace of Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with me evermore. AMEN.

On Reading the Scriptures.

ALMIGHTY God, and heavenly Father, I desire to come before thee, not in my own name, nor trusting in my own righteousness, but in the name of thy dear Son, and trusting in thy mercy through him. May thy Holy Spirit direct and aid me in all that I do ; open thou my lips, that I may show forth thy praise, and teach me to ask for such things as shall please thee. Make me thankful for thy great goodness in giving me time and frequent opportunities of reading thy Word, and meditating upon thy mercies revealed in Jesus Christ. I thank thee, O God, that thou hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for my learning ; may I read, hear, and understand them, and never forget that they testify of Christ. Accept, O Lord, my hearty thanks for the gift of a divine Saviour to die for me, and that he has put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. Let thy gracious promises, contained in thy Word, quicken my obedience to thy laws, and may thy Holy Spirit lead and guide me through this sinful world in holiness and righteousness, and finally by thy mercy may I attain everlasting life, through the merits and mediation of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

For Meekness.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, a God who art always ready to pardon, and of great kindness, remove from me all anger, pride, and prejudice, all things hurtful to my body and soul, and give me the spirit of an humble child, that I may not think of myself more highly than I ought to think. Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me ; a peaceful and humble spirit, meek and mild, give unto me, that I may be gentle and forgiving, as I hope to be forgiven. Grant that in this world I may follow the example of Jesus Christ, that I may walk as he walked, and finally through his merits and mediation obtain everlasting life in the world to come. **AMEN.**

for Holiness.

O LORD God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, help me to cast away the works of darkness, and put upon me the armor of light. Help me, O Lord, to turn from all my evil ways, and to do those good works which thou hast ordained that I should walk in: Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out mine iniquities. Thou hast taught me, in thy Holy Word, that without holiness no man shall see the Lord. Only the pure in heart are blessed, for only they shall see God. Cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit; wash me thoroughly from my transgressions; purify me from all uncleanness, and save my soul through Jesus Christ. AMEN.

On Entering Church.

O LORD, help me to worship thee in spirit and in truth. Make me attentive to thy Word, and bless my soul for my Redeemer's sake. AMEN.

On Leaving Church.

O LORD, forgive all my sins, and bless the services in which I have been engaged to my spiritual and everlasting good, through Jesus Christ my Lord. AMEN.

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In every joy that crowns my days,
In every pain I bear,
My heart shall find delight in praise,
Or seek relief in prayer.

Resolutions.

- I. That I will have a daily season for private prayer.
- II. That I will so live as I shall wish I had done when I come to die.
- III. To study the Scriptures with prayer, that I may be made better thereby.
- IV. To strive to my utmost every week to be brought higher in religion than I was the week before.
- V. To inquire every night, as I am going to bed, wherein I have been negligent, and what sin I have this day committed.
- VI. Frequently to remember the dedication of myself to God, which was made at my Baptism.
- VII. To avoid civil company, and as far as possible associate only with the good ; and also to abstain from all wicked, profane, and indecent expressions.
- VIII. To pray often for my parents, relatives, pastor, teacher, and for all the world.
- IX. To watch against fretting against any member of the family, and to strive that anger may never produce the least change in the tone of my voice, nor in my looks.
- X. Never to ridicule the defects of others, nor to treat the poor with contempt.
- XI. To do all I can to make peace among my companions.
- XII. Never to speak any thing but the pure and simple truth.
- XIII. To avoid all self-exalting expressions, together with all flattery and evil speaking of others.
- XIV. Never to do any thing out of revenge.
- XV. To be diligent in my labors through the week.
- XVI. To save all I can for benevolent purposes.
- XVII. When I have done the best, to say, "I am an unprofitable servant ; God be merciful to me a sinner."

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